

**AMENDMENTS**

**In the Specification:**

Page 8, delete line 16 and insert the following:

Fig. 8            a cross-sectional view of the guide device embodiment,

Fig. 9a          an end view of the guide device embodiment,

Fig. 9b          an end view of an alternate guide device embodiment,

Page 9, amend the paragraph beginning at line 25 as follows:

To be able to adjust the guide device 4 on the adjustment rod 12, the intermediate adjustment piece [[16]] 18 is provided that, just like the milling gauge 3, has a projection 7 fitting into the opening 6. It has a bore 19 matching the external diameter of the adjustment rod 12. The parts are first joined together so that, by virtue of their friction or other suitable means of adhesion, they are connected sufficiently firmly to one another for manipulation. They are then placed with the bore 19 onto the rod 14 and can slide along the latter until the guide device 4 bears on the ventral faces of the vertebral bodies 2.